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TOPIC <u>Military Shipments in the Stendal Area</u>			
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1. Military shipments observed in the Stendal (M 53/Y 85) area during the period from 20 to 24 September 1952 included:

20 September. At 6 a.m., a train of about 120 axles loaded with motor vehicles, proceeding through Stendal in the direction of Gardelegen.

At 11 a.m., a train with 15 factory new unnumbered trucks passing through Stendal toward Wismar;

25X1 at noon, a train loaded with 25 motor vehicles, engineer
25X1 equipment and pontoons as well as some guns observed at the
25X1 Stendal railroad station.

in the night of 20 September, 10 troop trains passing through Stendal toward Gardelegen and Wittenberge.

21 September. At 5 a.m., a train carrying motor vehicles, pontoons and engineer equipment was being unloaded at the Haemerten (M 53/Y 85) railroad station;

25X1 at 6:30 a.m., a train of 10 boxcars loaded with personnel
25X1 and an undetermined number of flatcars loaded with 5 T-34
25X1 tanks
25X1 kitchens

at 7:30 a.m., a train of 120 axles loaded with motor vehicles and some flatcars with side-racks loaded with pontoons, proceeding through Stendal toward Wittenberge and Gardelegen;

25X1 at 9 a.m., a train consisting of 10 boxcars carrying troops
25X1 and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 15 T-34 tanks,

25X1 and about 15 motor
vehicles passing through the Stendal railroad station and proceeding in the direction of Wittenberge-Gardelegen;

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at 9:40 a.m., a troop train of 100 axles, including 10 boxcars occupied by personnel, 6 flatcars with sideracks, each occupied by two artillery pieces with muzzle brakes and other flatcars carrying 25 vehicles [redacted]

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[redacted] proceeding through Stendal in the direction of Gardelegen and Wittenberge.

22 September. At 2:30 a.m., a troop train consisting of an undetermined number of flatcars loaded with 16 T-34 tanks, 12 motor vehicles towing artillery pieces, and 1 boxcar carrying troops, which was unloaded in Schoenhausen at 5:30 a.m., coming from Stendal.

At 6 a.m., three troop trains were seen at the Stendal railroad station;

at 6:05 a.m., a train consisting of 25 flatcars with sideracks, carrying radio trucks passed through the Stendal railroad station;

at 6:40 a.m., a troop train loaded with 25 motor vehicles [redacted]

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[redacted] 5 T-34 tanks, 24 light artillery pieces and 2 field kitchens passed through the Stendal railroad station, proceeding in the direction of Gardelegen;

at 9:15 a.m., a troop train consisting of 3 boxcars carrying troops and an undetermined number of flatcars loaded with 16 T-34 tanks, 3 motor vehicles and 2 field kitchens passing through Stendal and proceeding in the direction of Schoenhausen;

at 9:30 a.m., a troop train loaded with 9 T-34 tanks [redacted]

[redacted] 4 armored reconnaissance cars

7 jeeps, [redacted] 6 prime movers, [redacted]

radio truck [redacted] and other motor vehicles [redacted]

[redacted] 6 SP guns, 1 truck occupied by uniformed women wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 10 sidecar-motorcycles, passing through Stendal and proceeding in the direction of Gardelegen;

at 9:55 a.m., a troop train carrying 20 T-34 tanks [redacted]

[redacted] passing through Stendal and proceeding in the direction of Gardelegen;

at 12:15 p.m., a troop train carrying 25 motor vehicles [redacted]

[redacted] passing through Stendal and proceeding in the direction of Gardelegen;

at 1:30 p.m., a troop train consisting of 2 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 16 T-34 tanks, 12 heavy artillery pieces, which [redacted] were howitzers, with a white triangular emblem [redacted] and 6 motor vehicles [redacted]

[redacted] departing in the direction of Gardelegen;

at 7:30 p.m., three troop trains were seen en route on the Tangerhütte-Denkeranger line.

23 September. At 6 a.m., a troop train consisting of 2 boxcars carrying troops, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 13 JS tanks and 8 motor vehicles [redacted] passing through Stendal and proceeding toward Gardelegen;

at 7:30 a.m., a troop train consisting of 2 boxcars occupied by troops and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 14 JS tanks, 10 motor vehicles [redacted]

[redacted] and several 37-mm AA guns, passing through Stendal and proceeding in the direction of Schoenhausen;

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25X1 at 11 a.m., a troop train carrying 25 small caterpillar
tractors with attached guns [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] passing through Stendal, proceeding in the direction of
Gardelegen-Wittenberge;
at 11:35 a.m., a troop train carrying motor vehicles, passing
through Stendal in the direction of Gardelegen.

24 September. At 9 a.m., three troop trains left Stendal in
the direction of Gardelegen in intervals of 5 minutes. *

25X1 [redacted] Comment. [redacted] 15 of the 38 military
shipments observed carried 102 T-34 tanks; 27 JS tanks, 6 SP guns,
25X1 72 guns of various calibers and 6 rocket launchers. Three of
these 15 shipments carried engineer equipment. [redacted]
25X1 [redacted]
[redacted] There are some slight
25X1 indications that these vehicles might have been assigned to the
18th Meck Div and the 207th Mtz Rifle Div. Vehicles of the 34th
Arty Div and the 32d AAA Div (US) were observed on two artillery
25X1 shipments. [redacted] two tank shipments
seen on 23 September has been observed only in the Templin train-
25X1 ing area so far. It probably belongs to the 25th Tank Div.
It is believed that this series was misidentified, as there have
been no indications that elements of this division moved from
Templin to the Elbe River about 20 September. From available
information it appears that elements of all divisions of the
Third Shock Army started large-scale fall maneuvers in the area
of Letzling Heath (northern section)-Rathenow-Havelberg about
23 September. It appears that artillery and AAA units of the
IV Arty Corps also participated in these maneuvers. The vehicle
25X1 convoys of units from Schwerin observed passing through Perleberg
toward Bad Wilsnack on 18 September are probably connected with
the troop movements mentioned in the present report. [redacted]
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